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Heavy rains in Kodagu

Tourists flock Abbey Falls in Madikeri that is in full splendour. Picture right shows the submerged Triveni Sangama at Bhagamandala, downstream of Talacauvery where River Cauvery originates.

Mysuru, June 27 (BCT)- After weeks of lull, it has been raining in most parts of Kodagu, raising hopes of a normal monsoon this year. Large parts of the district, especially the Northern and Southern parts have been receiving moderate to heavy showers, feeding the Cauvery catchment areas with the much-needed moisture and water for the parched Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya to fill. The rains have brought new hopes three weeks after the official declaration of normal monsoon. The Triveni Sangam (confluence of rivers Cauvery, Kannike and Sujyothi) at Bhagamandala — the downstream of Talacauvery where River Cauvery originates — has been submerged.

KRS Water Level

Today	67.88 ft
Yesterday	67.92 ft
(Maximum : 124.80 feet)	
Inflow	996 cusecs
Outflow	1,077 cusecs
Last year on this date	69.45 ft

Areas including Bhagamandala, Talacauvery, Tannimani, Napoklu, Emmemadu, Nelaji, Virajpet, Heggala, Thora, Ramanagara, Byrambada, Hodavada, Murnad, Halugunda, Kandangala, Perumbadi, Bittangala, Gonikoppal, Mooteri, Ponnampet, Hysodluru, Kutta, Srimangala, Balele and other surrounding areas have been receiving good rains. **Among the places where it rained heavily in a single day (yesterday) were Bhagamandala (100.2 mm - 3.94 inches) and Srimangala (104 mm - 4.09 inches).**

Since January this year, Kodagu has received 635.62 mm (25.02 inches). Last year, from Jan. 1 to June 27, Kodagu had received 323.91 mm (12.75 inches).

Apart from being a catchment area for River Cauvery, South Kodagu forms the catchment area for River Lakshmanatheertha that flows into the KRS Dam. It has also been raining at Wayanad district in Kerala feeding water to the confluence of Panamaram River and the Manathawadi River. This confluence flows as Kapila or Kabini River in Karnataka.

While gusty winds uprooting electricity poles, submerged roads and water-filled potholes are common in almost all the areas it rained in Kodagu, the inflow to Harangi reservoir in Somwarpet Taluk has increased.

(See RAINS on page 9)

Man attacks dog brutally for barking at him

Threatens pet owner with knife; dog's head, neck, jaws gashed with meat cleaver

The injured Jimmy.

Jimmy being sutured by the Vet.

The pet seen with owner Arokya Mary.

Mysuru, June 27 (RK&NNN)- There is an aphorism in journalism — "When a dog bites a man, it is not news, but if a man bites a dog it is news." Rarely do we hear a man biting a dog. But on Sunday last (June 25), it was not a man biting a dog, but something more blood-curdling and inhumane that occurred as a group of men tried to kill a helpless animal.

This gory incident occurred at N.R. Mohalla, when a man and his friends took the extreme step of attacking a dog with a meat cleaver and threatened the inmates of the house with knives when they tried to intervene.

This is all that happened: Arokya Mary, a resident of N.R. Mohalla, AJ-Block, 7th Cross, has a pet dog called **Jimmy.** As she lives alone, she has kept Jimmy, which was born in her house and is looking after it lovingly since the past 12 to 13 years.

(See DOG on page 8)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
Mysuru, Tuesday 27th June 2017

Counting *trees*, missing *woods*

Numbers, the toy with which pundits, particularly mathematicians, call them more appropriately *ganithashastrajnas*, have revelled themselves for centuries since vedic times believed to be of more than 50 centuries vintage, have caught the fancy of both administration and people at large in every conceivable walks of life, given the ongoing ubiquitous practice of stating in huge numbers facts and describing volatility of the country's socio-economic image. Some examples that cannot be missed even as they flash across the minds of the avid readers of dailies and keen viewers of news channels on the small screen: *a)* Number of temples in the State and amounts of cash flowing into their portals, *b)* Number of toilets, a subject that has catapulted itself in public domain in the wake of *Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan*, *c)* Number of child marriages in the land, highlighting Karnataka 's top rank among the States, *d)* Number of unemployed graduates, *e)* Number of suicides daily and annually, *f)* Number of deaths in road mishaps, *g)* Number of notes in the mass of currency demonetised on November 8, 2016 and so on. All *numbers* that the land's citizenry have just winked at.

One is restrained, per force, to keep the *number* of examples in this column presenting matter relating to happenings in daily life as listed above while recognising the fact that the *numbers* crisply portray *what* has happened leaving very few to ponder over *why* those happenings have materialised. However, in the case of cutting down trees in large numbers for road-widening is a pathetic example of finding the answer to *why*.

Debates have taken place in various circles ad nauseum in the past about norms of keeping the land's forest area at a certain minimum ratio to its total area. Going by data and information about green cover both in the country as a whole and in different regions, Karnataka fares very poorly with mistaking its shrubbery in large tracts of the State as forest. Having mindlessly chopped down decades-old full-grown trees for whatever reasons, particularly in city limits and on highways, wisdom has dawned on the administration, although belatedly, to regenerate the lost green cover by *a)* planting saplings of tree species that have been uprooted, *b)* propagation with dropping *seed-laddus* (lumps of mud and cow-dung with seed embedded, *c)* transplanting fruit-bearing trees and so on. People, forming voluntary groups, joining in the effort augurs well for them and the country.

Once again, the *central point* of the just begun act of greening large spaces across the country, including Karnataka, is *a)* the *number* of saplings planted and *b)* *number* of seed-balls cast-away involved in the programme. If the grandiose programme fails to *germinate* as it were, the answer to *"why so"* may not be far to seek. If it succeeds, one cannot ask for more!

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Prohibition is like the Nehru jacket: An ideological costume that keeps returning despite periodic setbacks. After Bihar declared a total ban on liquor, other States like Madhya Pradesh are reportedly thinking of doing the same. These developments have been brought about by the increasingly active and widespread anti-liquor lobby, spearheaded by women who chronically have been the worst victims of alcohol abuse — as markedly distinct from what is called social drinking — by their menfolk. The few voices that have been raised in protest against prohibition have proved ineffectual. Representatives of the travel and related recreational industries have pointed out the burdensome revenue losses that the States concerned will suffer, not only in terms of liquor excise but also by the inverse multiplier effect of reduced tourism. Integrated family welfare — and coercive sterilisation — has been accepted as the only way to solve the population problem. Similarly, it is not through proscriptive prohibition but through a prescriptive community approach that the problem of alcohol abuse might best be tackled. — *Jug Suraiya in The Times of India.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

"China's Hottest Grandpa"

Beijing: Retirement usually involves slowing down, but not for 81-year-old Wang Deshun. For him, it's all about commercial photo shoots, walking on fashion shows and brushing shoulders with Chinese superstars. He is "China's hottest grandpa" and the man praised for changing the country's traditional view of old age.

Wang Deshun's life changed, two years ago, when he got the chance to walk on the runway at the China Fashion Week in Beijing. With his chiseled physique, hipster beard, long silver hair and youthful attitude, the 79-year-old made quite an impression, and things just kept getting better for him after that. Chinese designer Hu Sheguang was talking to the event's DJ, a woman named QQ, when her phone rang. As she took it out to answer, the designer saw an old man's face show up on screen, and he wanted him as his model. After QQ talked her father about it, he agreed to parade topless on the runway, Wang Deshun then said he'd do it as long as the Police didn't arrest him for obscenity.

Course on seducing Rich Foreigners!

Bangkok: Thai women looking to date a walking ATM machine, but with no clue on how to catch one, can now rely on the services of "Madam Raya," a seduction expert. She is offering online course to help like-minded women bag the rich foreigner of their dreams. 24-year-old Praiya Suriya, is specialised in rich foreigners, recently made news headlines in Thailand after announcing a series of paid online courses that are 100% guaranteed to help takers find the perfect sugar daddy and teach them how to deal with them in order to get their hands on huge sums of money and expensive presents. Madam Raya offers several plans for her training courses, the most expensive of which is the VIP program. Praiya Suriya's recent announcement has attracted some criticism, the comments accusing her of facilitating prostitution and giving Thai women a bad name. But with women praising Madam Raya for her initiative and vowing to sign up as soon as they can afford it.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What qualifies as "lean" meat?

Lean cuts of meat must contain less than 10 grams of total fat and less than 95 MG of cholesterol per 3.5-OZ portion. Extra-lean cuts of meat contain half that amount of fat.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Month-long retreat concludes at Bylakuppe

Bylakuppe, June 27 (Rajesh)- The month-long retreat (Vesak Month) concluded on June 25 with a spiritual ceremony led by Ven Khenpo Ngedhon Tenzin (Abbot) in the congregation hall of Drukkar Drubgyud Thoesamling Monastery, Gulladahalla here.

A large number of disciples belonging to both the Lugsam and Delar Tibetan Settlement attended this closing ceremony.

The main purpose of the retreat was to accumulate a collection of merits and purification of defilements by reciting the mantras and performing the rituals of Buddha Amitabha of pure land.

During the retreat, every morning Ven Khenpo Ngedhon taught the basic principle of Buddhist philosophy combining its core essence with the ordinary people's way of living and specifically stressed on the importance of being kind and un-harmful to the natural environment which belongs not only to this generation but to all the future generations.

The merits accumulated from this month-long retreat was dedicated for the long life of His Holiness The 14th Dalai Lama and His Holiness the 12th Gyawang Drukpa and fulfilment of their noble aspirations and messages of peace and blessings to reach the heart of every being of this world.

Really...?

- *Greyhounds are the fastest dogs on Earth and can run at speeds of 45 mph.*
- *The Tyrannosaurus Rex went extinct 65 million years ago.*
- *The average chicken lays about 260 eggs per year.*
- *A starving mouse will eat its own tail.*
- *Only 5 to 10 percent of cheetah cubs make it to adulthood.*
- *Ferrets sleep around 20 hours a day.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A soldier survived mustard gas in battle, and then pepper spray by the Police. He's now a seasoned veteran!

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 64.42
1 UK Pound	Rs. 82.00
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 17.53
1 Euro	= Rs. 72.11

VOICE OF THE READER

Elephant Circle vandalised yet again

Will City Corporation act?

Sir,

It's not even a year since District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurated one of the iconic elephant sculpture fountains at Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle, popularly known as 'Highway Circle,' and already it has been subjected to repeated vandalism by political parties and private associations.

Just two months ago in April a political party vandalised the beautiful Circle by tying its party flags on the delicate trunk of the elephant sculpture. Yesterday a private association also disfigured the statue by pasting posters on the pedestal.

It is unfortunate that our leaders and people do not know how to respect and appreciate public art installations, but what is the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) doing?

Though the Circle is being maintained by Brigade Group, which gifted this sculpture with the fountain costing Rs. 40 lakh to our city, it is the responsibility of MCC to see that such vandalism does not recur which mars the beauty of this Heritage City.

I hope the MCC will penalise people who vandalise public property; only then will they stop destroying them. Now, will the MCC at least fine the association whose poster is still stuck on the sculpture?

— Venkata Murthy
Camp: Bengaluru
26.6.2017

NOTE: *For social order the time-tested remedy is punishment for every crime, both as a deterrent and warning to the person or persons who committed that crime. What we see in the Elephant Circle is a social crime. The ancient Mesopotamian King Hammurabi was the first ruler who ordered 'an eye for an eye and a jaw for a jaw'. Now we have Jesus Christ's peace mantra and also Human Rights watch. So we should at least have punishment for this kind of vandalism by way of Hefty Fine (above Rs. 5,000) and recover cost of removing those posters and buntings from the culprits.*

—KBG, Editor-in-Chief

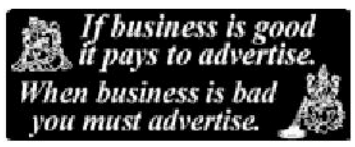
Corrections and Clarifications

In KBG's *Abracadabra* titled ***"Tubelight ignites my memory"*** *(SOM* dated June 26), by oversight it was mentioned that *"The West-Pakistan rose in arms against Pakistan for denying Prime Ministership to Mujibur Rahman of the West-Pakistan (East Bengal)."* **In fact, it was East-Pakistan, what is now Bangladesh, which rose in arms against West-Pakistan.** The error, which is continued in the next sentence also, is regretted.

JD(S) leader alive

In the news item titled ***"JD(S) to support Meira Kumar in Presidential election"*** published in yesterday's *Star of Mysore* on Page-4, in the last para it was inadvertently mentioned that there was no prominent JD(S) leader currently to represent after the death of senior leader D. Manjunath from Chitradurga.

The senior JD(S) leader D. Manjunath from Chitradurga is alive and was mistaken for some other leader Manjunath. The error is regretted. **—Ed**



Compendium of Research Publications Released

Mysuru, June 27- The "Compendium of Research Publications - 2016" (fourth volume) brought out by the National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, was released by the Hon. Secretary of NIE Managing Committee G.S. Ramachandra, recently. The Compendium consists of abstracts of 213 research publications of faculty members of NIE made during the year 2016. Over 171 papers published in international journals / conferences and about 42 papers published in national journals / conferences are in the Compendium.

Dr. G. Ravi, Principal, Dr. G.L. Shekar, former Principal, Dr. G.S.Suresh, Dean (AA), Dr. T.N.Shridhar, Controller of Examinations, Dr. Suresha B., Dean (R&D) and Mr. Y.S.Harish, Librarian were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Talk on Goods and Services Tax

A talk on 'GST (Goods and Services Tax)' by Chartered Accountant A. Vishwanatha has been organised at Janahitha Sangha premises in Bogadi 2nd Stage South tomorrow (June 28) at 7.30 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2546655.

Silver Jubilee lecture at CFTRI

As part of the Silver Jubilee Year of CSIR Pensioners Welfare Association (CPWA), Lucknow, the CPWA CFTRI Mysuru Chapter has arranged the first Silver Jubilee lecture by Dr. K.P. Putturaya, an expert in Human Physiology, writer and a humour speaker, on the subject 'How To Live Healthy And Happily' at 11 am on June 28 at IFTTC auditorium, CSIR CFTRI campus in city, according to B.S. Ramesh, Hon. Secretary, CPWA CFTRI Mysuru Chapter.

Hostel admission

Babbur Kamme Sangha, Saraswathipuram, has invited applications from eligible community students for admission to the Sangha hostel. Interested students may contact Mob: 98451-20070 or 96325-51192.

Elected

M. Mallaiah, a resident of 4th Main, 22nd Cross, Vidyaranyapuram in city, has been elected as a Director (Backward Classes-A category reserved seat) of the Mysuru City Co-operative Housing Society in the election held on Sunday.

N. Nagabasavaiah has been elected as the President of Bodhisatva Credit Co-operative Society Ltd., Sharadadevinagar, for the term 21.6.2017 to 31.3.2019, according to the Returning Officer D. Rangaswamy.

Free mass marriage

A free mass marriage has been organised at Chamundi Hill Temple on the first week of August. Interested candidates from T. Naripura taluk may register their names by producing necessary documents to T. Narsipur Taluk Office/ Hobli office within June 30, according to a press release from the T. Narsipur Thasildar.

Talk on 'Ways to Healthy Life'

A talk on 'Ways to Healthy Life' by Dr. Anjaneya Murthy, retd. Professor (Govt. Ayurvedic College, Mysuru), has been organised at Sri Shivananda Jnanalaya on JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, on July 2 (Sunday) at 3 pm, under the aegis of Mysore Jilla Prakrithika Chikitsa Samsthe, Vidyaranyapuram. For details, contact Dr. N. Krishna Murthy on Mob: 93420-73674, according to a press release.

Five arrested in Kodagu for honey-trapping, extortion

Ponnampet (Kodagu District), June 27- A gang that used to extort money by honey-trapping gullible businessmen has been arrested in Kodagu district. Then five-member gang used to target businessmen and the Police have seized Rs. 96 lakh cash from them.

In this case, a resident of Kerala was honey-trapped by the accused who hailed from Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada, Mysuru and Kerala. The arrests were made in a joint operation by Ponnampet and Gonikoppal Police. Four other accused including the kingpin Haris from Calicut, Ruksana and two girls from Mangaluru are absconding.

The arrested have been identified as 32-year-old Jamaluddin from Bantwal in Dakshina Kannada who is a sand businessman in Periyapatna, 35-year-old B.S. Mohammad, a car driver from Bilageri village, 28-year-old J. Sebastian, a broker from Suntikoppa, 47-year-old K. Fazal from Pallikal village in Puttur, Dakshina Kannada and K.P. Raheem, a daily wage worker from Cheruvallur village, Calicut in Kerala.

Thirty-six-year-old Aboobakar Munavar from Manandavadi, Wayanad district, Kerala and the owner of Metallic Glass and Plywoods, was interested in dating girls from Kodagu. His friends Haris and Rahim of Calicut invited him to Ponnampet. Aboobakar went there on June 23 and the two accused convinced him to go Periyapatna to meet the girls. They settled the deal and an unsuspecting Aboobakar went with them.

Aboobakar was then taken to a house at Harave Mallarajapatna near Periyapatna where he was sent to a room with two girls. The accused then locked the door from outside. After sometime, two other accused, dressed in Police uniforms, barged into the room and threatened to book a case of immoral trafficking and prostitution. They threatened Aboobakar that he would be taken to the Police Station for further interrogation.

As Aboobakar saw the men in uniform, he believed them and agreed to pay cash so that cases are not booked. The accused took Rs. 1 lakh cash, ATM cards and also got a cheque leaf signed by him. They demanded he bring Rs. 2 lakh more.

With the arrest, the Police have recovered Rs. 96,000 in cash, 9 cellphones, a Maruti 800 car and ATM cards. Police are now hunting for Haris of Kozhikode, Ruksana, Ayesha and Rona from Mangaluru.

Investigations have revealed that the same accused had looted businessmen Ibrahim and Sadiq of Kerala, residents of Hoskote village in Kodagu, by honey-trapping them with the help of Salim and Karim at a house in Periyapatna.

They had threatened Ibrahim and Sadiq and had looted Rs. 5 lakh from them.

The accused had also threatened Mustafa, one more businessman from Kerala, through honey-trapping and had extorted Rs. 2.5 lakh. Commending the Police for arresting the accused, Kodagu Superintendent of Police Rajendra Prasad has announced a cash reward of Rs. 10,000 for the Policemen involved in the operation.

Three injured in Somwarpet as rowdy-sheeters clash

Somwarpet, June 27- Three persons were injured in a clash between rowdy-sheeters on Somwarpet Main Road on Sunday. They have been identified as Veekshit of Janata Colony, Ajan and Noushad of Bajegundi village.

In his complaint, Veekshit told the Police that Karim Baig, Asim Baig and Sameer from Janata Colony assaulted them with lethal weapons in front of Hanafi Jamia Masjid. Based on the complaint, the Police have arrested three persons.

One more complaint has been filed by Puneeth, who owns a mobile shop, against the same accused. When Noushad was filling petrol to his vehicle at a petrol station, Prajwal of Belur Village came along with eight persons, assaulted him with iron rods and soda bottles. Cases have been booked against nine persons and all of them are absconding.

According to the Police, on Sunday morning, Karim Baig and his men clashed with Veekshit and his men at Janata Nagar. The gangs had arguments again in front of Puneeth's mobile shop. On the same night, the gang assaulted each other in front of Hanafi Jamia Masjid.

Seeing the situation going out of control, the District Reserve Police intervened and lathi-charged the crowd and brought the situation under control. As a precautionary measure, two KSRP and two DAR platoons have been stationed in Somwarpet.

Kodagu SP Rajendra Prasad, Dy.SP Sampath Kumar have camped in the town. IGP (Southern Range) Vipul Kumar visited Somwarpet on Monday and took stock of the situation.

Speaking to reporters, Vipul Kumar said that the Police had enough information about inter-gang rivalry. The Police have been asked to take action against the accused and arrest them if they indulge in violence.

He said that those who indulge in violence would be booked under Goonda Act and if necessary they would be banished (externed) from Somwarpet to prevent future incidents.

Man leaps to death from Jayadeva Hospital building

Mysuru, June 27 (YDS&BCT)- A man committed suicide by jumping off the fourth floor of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research building inside K.R. Hospital campus yesterday. He has been identified as 36-year-old Manjunath, a resident of Udayagiri.

Manjunath worked as a daily wager at a fruit shop at Udayagiri and had known a woman in the area. She was admitted at the K.R. Hospital due to illness.

Manjunath used to visit her daily and used to take care of her. He used to come there before his work and also used to come in the evening and stay with her at the hospital.

Yesterday afternoon, he jumped from the fourth floor of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research building. Hospital Medical Superintendent Chandrashekar said that Manjunath had sustained severe injuries on his head, pelvis, chest and upper limb.

Seeing Manjunath atop the building, people on the ground tried to convince him to come down. However, before they could alert Police or the Fire personnel, he jumped off the terrace. Manjunath was rushed to emergency unit by the Hospital staff where he succumbed in the evening. Devaraja Police have registered a case.

Beef-eating marks opening of Charvaka Trust Conference

'Restrictions on eating habits against Constitution'

Writer Prof. K.S. Bhagawan (centre) along with Hindulida Vargagala Jagruti Vedike State President K.S. Shivaram, Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru of Journalism Department, Manasagangothri, former Mayor Purushotham and others consuming beef at the conference held at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises on June 25.

Mysuru, June 27 (RKB& NNN)- Beef-eating marked the opening of a conference, here on Sunday.

Litterateur and thinker Prof. K.S. Bhagawan (who also tasted beef) has criticised the Centre for imposing restrictions on eating habits of the people. Terming it unconstitutional, he said that the Government cannot come in the way of what people should eat and not eat.

He was speaking after inaugurating a three-day conference and interaction programme on *'Eating habits and freedom of the individual,'* jointly organised by Charvaka Social and Cultural Trust, Kannada and Culture Department and AVSS, at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises, here on June 25.

The very fact that there is a discussion on eating habits itself is very unfortunate. Choosing to eat food of one's choice is an individual's right and to impose restrictions is against democratic rights of the individual and against the Constitution. To see that even one's eating habits is being politicised is a sad reflection in the society today, he regretted.

'Hindulida Vargagala Jagruti Vedike' State President K.S. Shivaram said that nowhere in the Constitution it is mentioned that one should eat a particular kind of food. By imposing restrictions on eating habits of the people, there is a conspiracy to meddle with the Constitution, he charged.

The Pejawar Seer on the one hand hosts *Iftar* meet, then takes out a *padayatra* in Dalit colonies. However, when it comes to Krishna Math, he makes caste discrimination. This is nothing but misleading the society, he said.

Urilingapeddi Mutt Seer Sri Jnanaprakash graced the occasion. Former Mayor Purshotham presided. Thinkers Nanda Halemane and Prof. Shabbir Mustafa, Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru, Prajna Trust President Sosale Siddaraju, H. B. Raghotham and others were present.

Beef-eating: On this occasion, both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food had been arranged. The dignitaries began the programme by consuming beef. While a few ate non-vegetarian food, the rest ate vegetarian dishes.

PROTEST AGAINST MEAT-EATING

Taking a strong exception to beef-eating at Kalamandira premises, a group of protesters belonging to 'Mysuru Kannada Vedike' staged a protest at Kuvempu Park in front of the Gun House, here on Sunday.

Kalamandira is like a temple for Art and Culture and in such a place consuming meat, brings down the dignity of the place. By hiring it to such people, the Kannada and Culture Department is trying to convert the place into a non-vegetarian hotel, they charged.

Kannada and Culture Department imposes all kinds of restrictions for those organising functions at Kalamandira including for serving of eatables. However, by giving permission to serve non-vegetarian food, it has compromised on the sanctity of the place. In order to gain cheap publicity, a few people have organised such functions, the upset activists of the Vedike charged.

COW URINE SPRINKLED: About 30 Yuva BJP activists staged a protest in front of Maneyangala on Monday morning condemning the eating of beef at a function held there. They sprinkled cow urine on the closed door of the auditorium to symbolically cleanse the area. Later, they tried to gherao H. Channappa, Assistant Director, Department of Kannada and Culture. However, DCP Dr. H.T. Shekar and other Police personnel arrived at the spot and pacified the agitators.

DC blacklists Trust for beef consumption

Mysuru, June 27 (MTY&NNN)- Charvaka Social and Cultural Trust that had organised a conference at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises has been blacklisted and steps will be taken to see that such incidents are not repeated, said Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep.

Randeep

The conference was inaugurated by the organisers by consuming beef. This had led to a huge controversy questioning the Government for allowing such unhealthy practises in a place that is considered sacrosanct. In the light of this, DC Randeep spoke to the media on Monday and said that not only the organisation that had organised beef-eating had been blacklisted but the deposit money that the Trust had paid will be forfeited.

Beef-eating has been banned in Government buildings and even the officers in charge of such places have been warned to see that incidents do not recur, he said.

Will take precaution

Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa told the media that he did not have a clue that beef-eating would be held here when the permission was given.

In the light of the violation by the Trust, it has been blacklisted. The decision has been taken in consultation with the higher officers. In future, only after finding out what sort of food is served, will Maneyangala premises be rented out, he said.

MP Pratap Simha reacts

Pratap Simha

MP Pratap Simha, expressing displeasure at the incident, has said that if Prof. Bhagawan and Prof. Mahesh Chandru Guru want to eat dog meat let them eat in their houses. But defiling a public institution by consuming beef that is banned is wrong and they have misused their positions. "The State Government should file a criminal case against them and the Governor should dismiss Prof. Guru, who is a professor at the University of Mysore," he demanded.

Cook, Security Guard posts: Scrutiny of records begins

Mysuru, June 27 - The scrutiny of records of candidates, who had applied for the post of Cooks, Kitchen Assistants and Security Guards in the recruitment drive being carried out by the Backward Classes Welfare Department (BCWD) and Social Welfare Department (SWD) began at Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan in Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar) here yesterday.

Both the Departments together had invited applications for 58 Cooks, 124 Kitchen Assistants and 42 Security Guards for which over 10,000 applications have been received. The last recruitment of cooks and guards for hostels was held in the year 2001.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) D. Randeep, who inspected the scrutiny going on in Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan, directed the officials to ensure total transparency in the selection of candidates.

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BCWD Deputy Director G.S. Somashekar Jigani said only about 30 percent of applicants have maximum SSLC qualification which is required for the posts. Most of the applicants are over-qualified and the trend is the same across the State, he added.

SWD Joint Director Prabha said that about 50 percent of the applicants are from North Karnataka region though the recruitment drive is being carried out all over the State simultaneously.

BJP's coup may send a nice man to Rashtrapathi Bhavan; but questions remain about politics by caste

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

In political and strategic terms, the BJP leadership staged the equivalent of a coup d'etat when it nominated Ram Nath Kovind for President. The choice killed three birds with one stone.

Bird No.1: The Opposition parties' unity against the ruling dispensation. Not only did Bihar's Nitish Kumar break rank to support the BJP; the usual dissonance between father Mulayam and son Akhilesh Yadav pushed the Samajwadis into yet another imbroglio.

Bird No. 2: The Opposition's chance to field independently a candidate of superior status. Meira Kumar has the right credentials, but her choice essentially means the Opposition imitating the BJP's tactic of playing the Dalit card.

Bird No.3: Presumed Dalit antipathy to the Hindutva camp which is seen as a Pune-Nagpur savarna setup. The party in power is in a position to ensure that the election of the President next month will be a mere formality.

The strategists of the BJP scored grace marks as well by picking a man who seems to carry himself well. We need to remember that there were proposals to nominate the RSS Chief himself for the highest Constitutional position. That would have sent out the message that hardline Hindutva ideology was taking over the country in unabashed style. Avoiding such an unwise projection of the country's image, the decision-makers zeroed in on a man whose Chief asset is his low profile.

Kovind is a card-carrying BJP man. But as Governor of Bihar he attracted no adverse publicity as, for example, the BJP Governors of UP and Karnataka did. Actually he remained unknown all these years. We now hear that he has been a lawyer of some quality and has a scholarly bent of mind, unusual by BJP-RSS standards. In a country where small-minded careerists like Zail Singh and inconsequential by-standers like Pratibha Patil brought disrepute to the Presidency, Kovind has the potential to uphold its dignity.

The political calculations behind Kovind's nomination are a different matter, however. It is obvious that his scholarship and non-controversial profile were not the factors that led to his elevation. His caste was. Caste has been a decisive factor in the electoral strategising of all parties across the country. It was especially so in UP where Mayawati built an empire in the name of Dalits despite her service to the community being minimal and self-centred. Kovind, a Kanpur native, will be embraced by UP Dalits, BJP calculates. But Mayawati, significantly, has switched to Meira Kumar.

While the BJP has done a smart job for itself, the larger question remains: On account of electoral compulsions, is India condemned to be nothing more than a sum of its communal parts? Politics and even law and order in many parts of India in recent years have been dominated by caste-based campaigns, often violent, by Thakurs and Dalits, Jats and Gujjars, Patidars and Rajputs and Vanniyars. Is this how our political parties want India's future to be, or do they have a responsibility to lead the country away from narrow casteism?

This is the first time a Presidential nominee has been picked on the basis of his caste identity. K. R. Narayanan was not fielded because he was a Dalit. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was not nominated because he was a Muslim. Nor was Zakir Hussain long before him. In fact those gentlemen were outstanding examples of India's secular identity. They were Indian citizens and recognised as such.

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It is true that in those times, too, political parties made their electoral calculations on the basis of religion and caste. Even Marxist E.M.S. Namboothiripad went to the extent of creating a new Muslim-majority district in Kerala to please its constituents. But the emphasis on religion and caste is now at a higher pitch, the UP State election signalling a climax of that process. Since the BJP's current strategy is anchored on caste considerations, the role of communal elements in public life will increase.

That Ram Nath Kovind is a worthy candidate is unrelated to the cynical calculations behind his nomination. Principles matter. In the life of a nation, todays are the building blocks of tomorrows. Compromises adopted for momentary victories may well lead to defeats in the long term.

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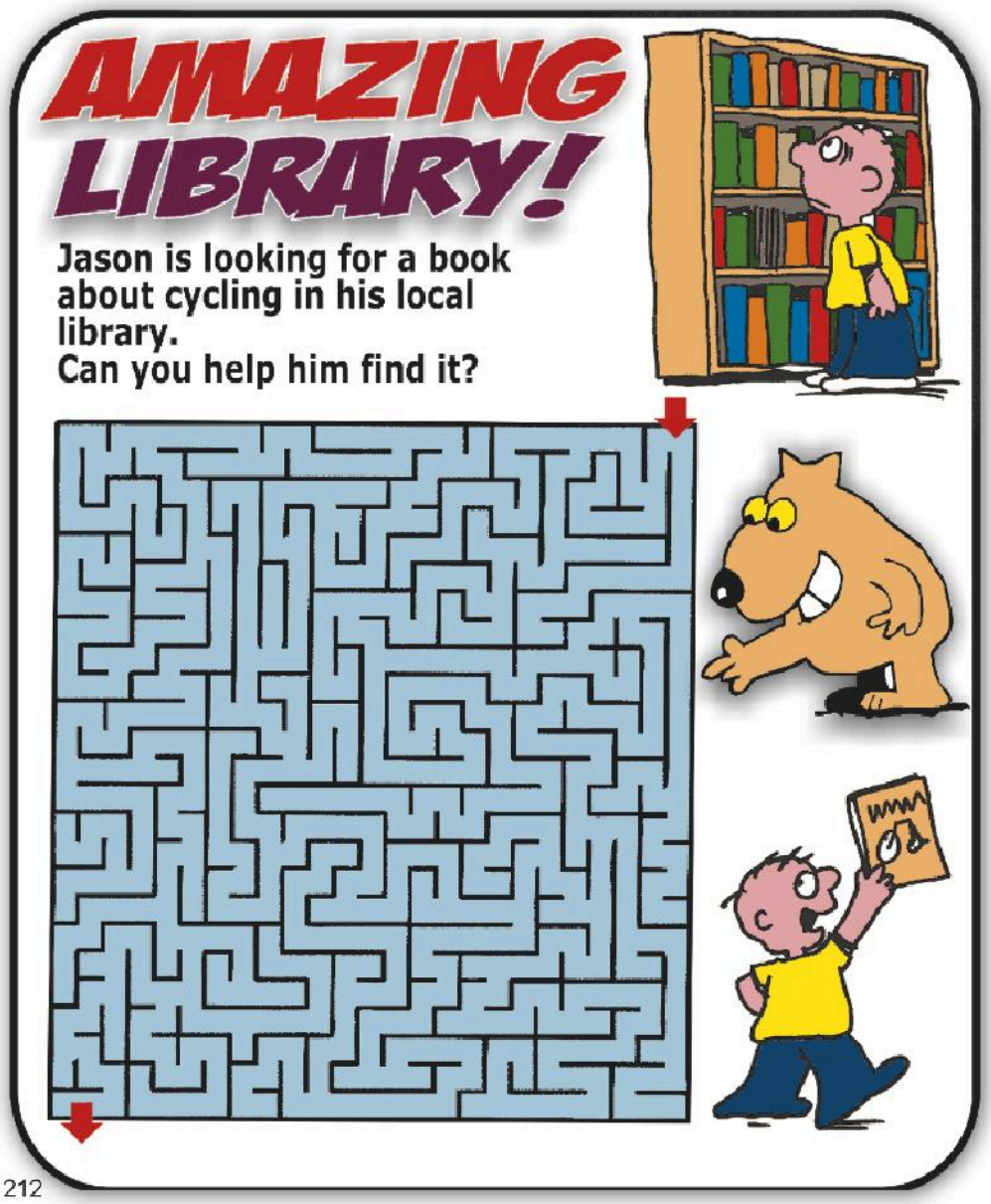

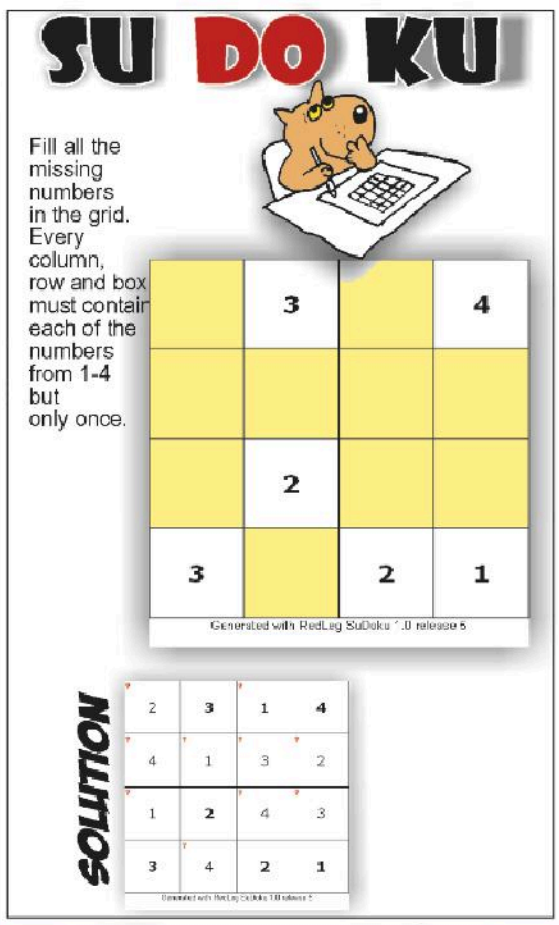
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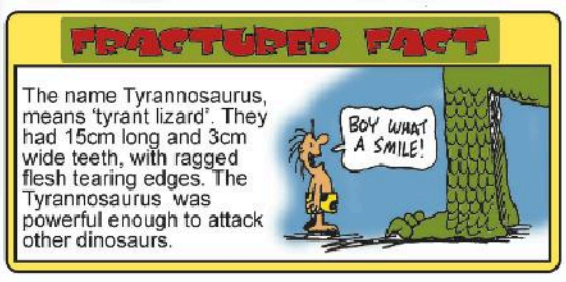
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PAWS FOR A JOKE!
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A centipede with a wooden leg.
What do you call a mosquito that loves cheese?
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FUN WITH FACTS
A dog sweats through its paw pads.
In its lifetime a shark can grow up to 24,000 sharp new teeth.
I keep the Tooth fairy busy!

4th Graduation Day at MYRA

Mysuru, June 27 - MYRA School of Business held its 4th Annual Graduation Day at its campus in Yelwal here recently.

Santosh Desai, MD & CEO-Futurebrands India, was the chief guest. Dr. Ramasastry Ambarish and former Foreign Secretary Ranjan Mathai, members of the Governing Board, MYRA were present. MYRAcles, the graduating students, were presented with their respective PGDM and PGPX qualifications.

Addressing the students, Dr. Ramasastry Ambarish based on his six-decade-long life and four-decade-old career as an academic, investor and business leader, drew from the past to put the current state of the Indian economy in a proper perspective from the pre-British Raj era to the modern times in a global context.

He said by 2050, India is expected to regain its place as the second largest economy of the world and that would happen during your working lives.

He urged the students to be entrepreneurs as small industries are going to be the ones to drive the economy in the future.

Delivering the graduation address, Santosh Desai stressed upon the mantra of continuous self-learning lifelong to stay competitive. Taking many examples and anecdotes, he extolled the virtues and imperativeness of lifelong learning especially self-learning for the current generation.

MYRA Chairperson Dr. Shalini Urs also spoke.

A total of 37 students including 26 Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) and 11 Post Graduate Programme for Executives (PGPX) graduated, according to a press release from MYRA.

Journalist Amshi Prasanna's books to be released in Hunsur tomorrow

Mysuru, June 27- Senior Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar's works titled *'Kadina Jatre'*, *'Kadu Jeevana'* and *'Anubhava Mantapa'*, will be released at a programme jointly organised by Hunsur Rotary Bhavan in Hunsur town at 10.30am tomorrow (June 28).

Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath will inaugurate the programme. Forest Minister B. Ramanath Rai will release *'Kadina Jatre'* book while PWD and District in-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will release *'Kadu Jeevana'* book and MP Pratap Simha will release *'Anubhava Mantapa.'*

KSGH Music and Performing Arts University Registrar Prof. Niranjan Vanalli, wildlife photographers Krupakar and Senani and DEED organisation's Dr. S. Srikanth will speak about the books.

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Kempegowda Seva Bhishma Awards presented to 10 achievers

An initative of 'Arivu'

Mysuru, June 27 (RKB&US)- Marking the 527th Jayanti of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, Arivu Samsthe had organised a programme in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple here yesterday to present Kempegowda Seva Bhishma awards to 10 achievers in various fields.

The awards were presented to Dr. P.M. Shivanna (Medicine); Omkarappa (Police); D.T. Prakash (Co-operation); Belagola Subramanya (Farmer's Movement); M.K. Premkumar (Social Activist); Giridhar (Religious Service); Dr. P. Thomas (Social Work), R. Madhusudan (Journalism); Kumargowda (Social Movement) and Anand (Politics).

Presenting the awards, social activist K. Raghuram said that the Government organising the celebration of Kempegowda Jayanti was a fitting tribute to the great architect of Bengaluru. He sought the installation of a statue of the leader in city.

Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Melukote Vangipura Mutt graced the occasion. Former MLC D. Madegowda presided. BJP City President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, JD(S) City President Basavaraj, BJP leader B.S. Ashok, Arivu Samsthe President Srikanth Kashyap and others were present.

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Sl. No.	Subject	No.of Post	Post Vacant	Time	Date
1.	Mathematics	1	Part Time	10:00 A.M.	05.07.2017
2.	Physics	1		10:30 A.M.	
3.	Micro Biology	1		11:00 A.M.	
4.	Bio Chemistry	1		11:30 A.M.	
5.	Sociology	1		12.00 Noon	
6.	Political Science (Constitution of India)	1		12.30 P.M.	
7.	Environment Studies	1		01.00 P.M.	
8.	Kannada	1		01.30 P.M.	
9.	Journalism	1		02.00 P.M.	
1.	Commerce (Specialization in Taxation - 1 Post)	4	Full Time	10:00 A.M.	06.07.2017
2.	Bio Technology	2	1 Full Time 1 Part time	11:00 A.M.	
3.	English	2	Full Time	12:00Noon	
4.	Computer Science	3	Full Time	01:00 P.M.	

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The minimum qualification for the post of Assistant Professor is Postgraduate degree from any recognized university in the concerned subject, with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks. Those who have passed NET/SLET/Ph.D./M.Phil and possess teaching experience in degree colleges are preferred. The posts are purely temporary.

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MP Shobha Karandlaje demands sacking of Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru

Mysuru/Bengaluru, June 27- Taking strong objection to the spectacle of eating beef in public view at a function held in a government building to protest against the Central Government's decision against beef-eating in public, by a group of people led by University of Mysore Professor Mahesh Chandra Guru, retired Professor K.S. Bhagawan and others, MP Shobha Karandlaje has written a letter dated 26th June, 2017, to the Governor-Chancellor, to take action against these beef-eaters.

It may be recalled that on June 25, at a function jointly organised by Charvaka Social and Cultural Trust and surprisingly by Kannada and Culture Department, some of the members including Prof. Guru and Prof. Bhagawan had consumed beef by way of protest.

In the letter (a copy of which is available with *Star of Mysore)*, Shobha Karandlaje has said, "In the above mentioned event, Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru delivered a speech in which he abused and criticised Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi as well as the Union Government on the issue of ban on cow slaughter. This despicable conduct of Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru is a clear violation of the Conduct and Service Rules.

I request you to kindly look into the matter and initiate action against Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru in order to ensure that the tendency to violate rules with impunity and take people in high positions is curbed."

She has also requested the Governor to sack Prof. Guru for speaking against the Prime Minister and the Union Government.

Beef-eating: Protest continues in city

Mysuru, June 27 (RKB&DM)- Strongly condemning open consumption of beef at an event at Kalamandira on Sunday, over 100 members of BJP SC Morcha staged a demonstration at FTS Circle on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road here this morning to register their protest.

Pointing out that Kalamandira is the topmost cultural centre in city, the protesters claimed that the 'so-called' intellectuals had destroyed the sanctity of the centre by eating beef. The protesters raised slogans against Prof. Bhagawan, Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru and others.

Deputy Mayor Rathna Lakshman, leaders Nataraj, Sampath, Murali, Giridhar, Anil Thomas and others participated in the protest.

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Kempegowda Jayanti in city

Mysuru, June 27 (MTY&VNS) – The 'Nadaprabhu' Kempegowda Jayanthi, which was celebrated for the first time this year by State Government was held with great fanfare in city this morning. District Administration had made arrangements for the grand celebrations.

A procession of Kempegowda's statues was flagged off by Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Mysuru Branch, Seer Sri Somanatha Swamiji in front of Kote Anjaneya Swamy Temple. The procession passed through K.R. Circle, D.D. Urs Road, JLB Road, Hunsur Road before reaching Kalamandira. Kempegowda's statue was taken on a vehicle resembling a chariot ridden by seven horses.

The procession also witnessed a number of folk troupes performing till it culminated at Kalamandira. MLAs G.T. Devegowda and M.K. Somashekar were seen dancing to the drum beats.

On reaching Kalamandira, the stage programme was inaugurated by Somanatha Swamiji and seers Shivanandapuri Swamiji of Kaginele Mutt and Shivananda Swamiji by offering floral tributes to the portrait of Kempegowda and lighting the traditional lamp. Later, former Prasaranga Director Prof. C. Naganna delivered a special lecture on Kempegowda.

MLA Vasu, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, Deputy Mayor Ratna Lakshman, Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairperson Mallige Veeresh, MyLac Chairman H.A. Venkatesh, Karnataka State Women's Commission former Chairperson Manjula Manasa, Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Padma Shekar, DC. D. Randeep and others were present.

Man attacks dog brutally

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Arokya Mary's daughter Aasia Banu, who lives close by, came with her two children to her mother's house around 5.30 pm. Jimmy saw Aasia and her children from a distance and squeezing himself through the gate, came running towards them wagging his tail. He started jumping all over, licking and welcoming them.

Meantime, a speeding man, Zullu, on the bike suddenly came in the way. The dog, out of fear, started barking at him. Zullu got very angry and started abusing Aasia in foul language. Fearing assault, as he went to collect huge stones lying nearby and threw it into the compound, Aasia immediately took Jimmy and tied him on the terrace and after spending time with her mother left to her house along with her children.

"I and my mother asked him for forgiveness. We told him that in future we will not allow the dog on the road," she told *Star of Mysore*.

Within an hour, Zullu came with two other people, barged into the house and walked up to the stairs and started attacking Jimmy that was tied, with meat cleaver. He plunged the cleaver into the head, neck and the jaws of the dog.

"When my mother heard the dog crying, she went upstairs and both Zullu and his friends pointing knives, threatened to kill her. Later, they escaped," said Aasia.

If the dog was not tied, then it could at least have escaped the attack. Because of the attack, the gash on the head was too deep and it started bleeding profusely. Immediately, Arokya Mary called her daughter who rushed back. "As it was a Sunday, we knew that the Veterinary Hospital was closed. We searched in the internet and found "The Woof Wagon Veterinary Clinic and Pet Resort" in Dattagalli. We took Jimmy to the Clinic and the doctors Dr. Suranjana Ganguly and Dr. Shantanu Kalambi treated him," she said.

According to the doctors, the dog is still in an unstable condition, and will undergo treatment until it recovers.

Meanwhile, Arokya Mary has filed a complaint in the N.R. Police Station stating that not only did Zullu attack the dog but also threatened to kill her.

Police, who registered a complaint, have assured that they would question the accused.

Police reaction

N.R. Police Inspector Ashok Kumar told *Star of Mysore* that Arokya Mary had filed a complaint stating that her pet dog had been brutally attacked leaving it injured on the head, neck and jaws and the accused had also threatened to kill her.

"We went to the house and conducted mahazar, took the photos of the dog and will take action against the accused," he said.

DC Randeep holds meeting on bio-medical waste disposal

Asks officials to submit report by July 10

Mysuru, June 27 (MTY&DM)- With the alarming rise in Dengue and other vector-borne diseases causing a scare in the district, Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep today held a meeting with Health Department officials on improving bio-medical waste disposal mechanism in the district.

Addressing the meeting, DC Randeep said that there were 165 Government Health Care Centres including General Hospitals and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the district and the waste generated in these Centres are sent for Disposal Plants near Varuna and H.D. Kote.

Asking the officials to check whether the bio-medical wastes are disposed off properly at these two Plants, the DC directed to ensure that the 2016 guidelines are followed for effective disposal of wastes.

Instructing the officials to have an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with agencies involved in disposal of wastes, he asked the officials to make it sure that the bio-medical wastes generated in Hospitals are properly segregated and shifted to the Plants within 48 hours of generation.

Stressing on the need for training Critical Health Care staff in proper segregation and disposal of bio-medical waste, he cautioned that improper disposal may lead to cancer.

He asked the officials to submit a report by July 10 on the measures taken for effective disposal of bio-medical wastes and to conduct regular health check-up on all staff involved in waste disposal.

The DC also directed the Pollution Control Board officials to regularly monitor safe disposal of hospital wastes.

DHO Dr. B. Basavaraj, District Surgeon Dr. Pashupathi, Pollution Control Board Officer Dr. Raghuram and other officials attended the meeting.

Ashada: Laddus, Dates Obbattu for devotees atop Chamundi Hill

The Chamundeshwari Seva Samithi, 100 ft Road, Mysuru, which was distributing laddus to devotees at Chamundi Hill Temple on Ashada Fridays for the past 14 years, will be distributing obbattus (sweet flatbread) made of dates along with laddus this year. A total of 20,000 dates obbattus and 5,000 laddus will be distributed to the devotees at the Hill Temple on the first Ashada Friday on June 30, by Arun Kumar Jain and friends on behalf of Chamundeshwari Seva Samithi. Also, the Samithi has been doing flower decoration for the past 28 years and Anna Santharpane for the past 11 years atop the Hill during Ashada Fridays.

State Government reinstates Prof. Shivaraj

Mysuru, June 27(VNS)- In a major embarrassment to University of Mysore (UoM), the State Government has nullified the University Syndicate's decision to send Prof. B. Shivaraj on compulsory retirement and reinstated him to his Department.

In its order dated ED 102 UMV 2016, dated June 12, 2017, issued by N. Veerabrahmachari, Under Secretary to the Government, Department of Higher Education (Universities), the State Government has stated that it has nullified the Syndicate's decision to send Prof. Shivaraj on compulsory retirement taken on Nov. 21, 2016. The order has been passed under the Karnataka State Universities Act of 2000 and has ordered the University to restore his service.

The order, the copy of which is with *Star of Mysore*, states that though Prof. Shivaraj had 90 days to submit his explanation he was not given a chance to do so and an ex-parte order was passed in just 40 days after an inquiry was ordered. It has also mentioned about Syndicate Member M.S.S. Kumar raising objections over the matter.

Reacting to the order, Prof. Shivaraj said that the University should have handled the issue

Prof. B. Shivaraj

in a responsible manner and added that he was seriously examining legal options.

Shivaraj also mentioned that the University cannot play with the reputation and dignity of a senior Professor.

It may be recalled that Prof. Shivaraj had been accused by the University of violating the University statute by 'attacking' Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa besides questioning the earlier inquiry report in which he was held responsible for entering into MoU with University of Sistan and Baluchestan, Zahedan, Iran without following the statutes governing the recognition of foreign Universities approved by the Chancellor.

Prof. Shivaraj had also been charged for allegedly collecting Rs. 150 from each MBA student studying in all affiliated colleges of the University and the Outreach Centres recognised by the University to distribute course-wares developed by industrial experts.

Prof. Shivaraj has reported back to the Department (B.N. Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences) on June 17.

Reacting to the reinstatement of Prof. Shivaraj, former University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa told *Star of Mysore*, "I am ashamed to see what is happening in my University and the way the Higher Education Department is handling such issues. It is unfortunate to see that Prof. Shivaraj who was sent on compulsory retirement and who had many charges against him that was proved when a retired Judge had found him guilty of the charges is brought back."

Heavy rains in Kodagu

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Heavy rain has restored the beauty of Abbey Falls in Madikeri and the gushing water from a giant rock is attracting a lot of tourists.

The water level in the Harangi reservoir today stood at 2819.26 feet against the maximum capacity of 2,859 feet yesterday and the inflow was 2123 cusecs. Harangi water level has increased by four feet in the last four days. Last year, on the same day (June 27), the water level was 2815.22 feet and the inflow was 1503 cusecs. As of now, there is no outflow from Harangi and the sluice gates will be opened only when the level reaches a comfortable point. Water released from Harangi flows into the Krishna Raja Sagar Dam.

Water level at the Krishna Raja Sagar Dam in Mandya today stood at 67.88 feet as against the maximum level of 124.80 feet. Last year, the level stood at 69.45 feet. The dam has recorded an inflow of 996 cusecs and an outflow of 1,077 cusecs.

Water level in the Kabini Dam has reached 2,251.75 feet against its full level of 2,284 feet. Inflow is around 1,980 cusecs and outflow has been limited to 100 cusecs.

According to an official from the Deputy Commissioner's office in Madikeri, the entire district, particularly Madikeri and Virajpet Taluks have been receiving good rains. He hoped that the rain will retain its tempo. According to statistics provided by the DC office Control Room in Madikeri, yesterday Madikeri recorded 72.2 mm (2.84 inches) rainfall, Virajpet recorded 33.8 mm (1.33 inches) and Somwarpet recorded 33.7 mm (1.32 inches) rainfall. The average rainfall recorded by the district yesterday is 46.9 mm (1.84 inches).

This morning too, there are reports of widespread rains in Madikeri and Virajpet Taluks. While it rained moderately in the morning, showers picked up by noon. This morning, Madikeri recorded 61.45 mm (2.41 inches), Virajpet recorded 52.0 mm (2.04 inches) and Somwarpet recorded 41.3 mm (1.62 inches). Overall, the district received 51.83 mm (2.03 inches) this morning.

Investiture Ceremony at City Schools

Mysuru, June 27 - The Investiture Ceremony was held at Police Public School on Mahadevapura Main Road in Jalapuri here recently. Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao, Commissioner of Police, Mysuru City, presided.

Krishna Bangera, Principal, Podar International School, was the chief guest while Ravi D. Channannavar, Mysuru SP, was the guest of honour.

B.S. Ajith was sworn-in as the School Captain, R. Nisarga as School Vice-Captain, M. Kishoritha as Sports Captain, Ganesh Yashwanth as Sports Vice-Captain and Darshan as Band Major.

Along with them the following were sworn-in as Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects of the various Houses. Diamond House - S. Chaitra (Captain); S. Preetham (Vice-Captain); Harshitha Benaka and Adarsh Sainath (Prefects). Emerald House - S. Madhura (Captain); K.Kishore (Vice-Captain); S. Thanu and M. Nikhil (Prefects). Ruby House: J.E. Harsha (Captain); Pradhusha (Vice-Captain); Sharanya and Ronith (Prefects). Sapphire House: S. Rakshitha (Captain); M.R.Ujwal (Vice-Captain); Syeda Nousheen and Neha (Prefects).

DEPAUL INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL (DPIRS): ***Investiture Ceremony was held at DPIRS recently. The newly-elected student representatives were administered the oath by Vipul Kumar, IGP, Southern Range, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Aneesh Mathew, Principal and other dignitaries.***

HARI VIDYALAYA: ***Investiture Ceremony was held at the Vidyalaya premises in Bogadi recently. Yunus Ali Kauser, Chief Fire Officer, Mysuru District, who was the chief guest, pinned the badges to House Captains and Leaders of the four houses — Honesty, Integrity, Charity and Punctuality. Principal N. Sreevathsa, Secretary H .R. Bhagavan and Head Mistress Lakshmi were present.***

Educational Awards distributed

Rotary Club of Mysore South East, Jayanagar, distributed Educational Award to SSLC and PUC toppers from various schools of the city recently. The Club also celebrated World Environmental Day by giving saplings to the students. Seen in the picture are *(standing from left)* ***Rtn. M.P. Ramesh Babu (Secretary-Elect 2017-18), Rtn. S. Vasudevan (Zonal Lieutenant 2016-17), Shamanthakamani (President of IWC 2016-17), Rtn. R. Ravindra (President-Elect 2017-18), Rtn. C. Gopal (President 2016-17), Rtn.Y.V. Muralidhar (Hon. Secretary 2016-17). Sitting are the students of SSLC and PUC who were honoured with Educational Award.***

Bags 'Abdul Kalam Life-Time Achievement Award'

Mysuru, June 27 - Dr. Renu Agrawal, former Chief Scientist and Rural Programme Coordinator of CFTRI, has received the prestigious 'Abdul Kalam Life-Time Achievement Award' from International Institute of Social and Economic Reforms.

The award was given to her by chief guests - Film Director T.N. Seetharam and actress Bhavani Prakash - in the presence of Union Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda at a glittering function held at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru on June 24.

The award was given to Dr. Renu for her untiring work for the society and for taking science to the common man. She is the only woman from Mysuru to get this prestigious national award.

Karamveer Chakra Dr. Renu Agrawal is also a recipient of Kissan Ratna Puraskar, Best Woman Scientist NABS, International Guild of Woman Achievers, Rotary Inner Wheel Suguna Award, Biostandups honour "SHERO."

Integrated Water Resources Management programme held

Mysuru, June 27- A two-week 'Management Development programme on Integrated Water Resources Management' for the Engineers of Water Resources Department, commenced at Vivekananda Institute for Leadership Development (V-LEAD) in city on June 19.

The programme was inaugurated by Madhava, Superintending Engineer and Registrar, Advanced Centre for Integrated Water Resources Management (ACIWRM), Bengaluru.

Speaking on the occasion, he informed that the reservoirs and dams were primarily built for irrigation purposes. However, over a time due to rapid socio-economic developments, the priorities gets changed; it has now gathered adequate scope for Integrated Water Resources Management. As a result of increasing demand, dwindling water resources and multiplicity of stakeholders, the engineers in the Department are working under constraints. This programme would help them to develop their capabilities to manage the issues efficiently, he said.

He called upon the participants to actively interact with the resource persons and give suggestions for improvement in the policies and practices.

Dr. P. Somashekar Rao, Director (Technical), ACIWRM, who spoke as the guest of honour, felt that this programme would be significant for building the capacity of Water Resources Department in the State in the context of developing River Basin planning by different States and addressing the issue of Inter-State Water Sharing.

He traced the development of Integrated Water Resources Management model in the country, drawing from the effective models of Australia and Netherlands. He advised the participants to involve and interact with the faculty and enrich themselves.

Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Founder & President of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), in his presidential address, lauded the initiatives of the Government of Karnataka for establishing ACIWRM.

He felt that the engineers need to understand political economy, anthropology and behaviour sciences for effectively managing the practical aspects in this multidisciplinary role.

Dr. Balasubramaniam elaborated the salient features of public policy as disclosure based, administratively feasible, implementation practicability and politically marketable. He wished that AICWRM should have a multidisciplinary team.

He asserted that as SVYM believes in developing human and social capital, conducting this programme in V-LEAD is appropriate as ultimately it will have economic impact on the families, State and the country. "We passionately believe in bringing change in the State and the society at large," he added.

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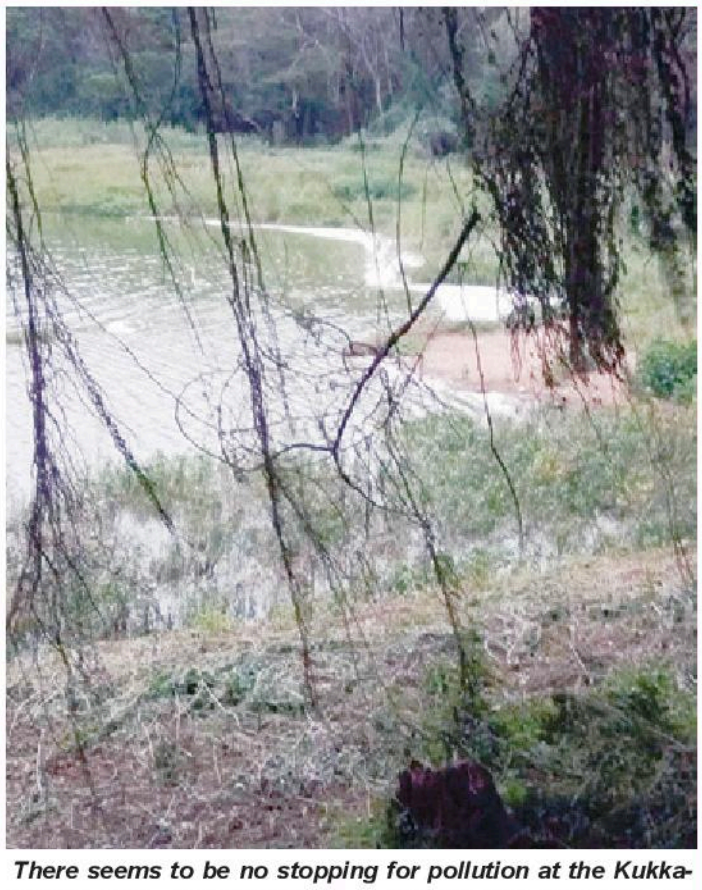
Public money goes for toss at Chamarajapuram

The removing of tiles and relaying them is just to waste public money. One of our readers Ko.Su. Narasimhamurthy has sent us this picture from V.V. Road of Chamarajapuram where the tiles in good condition are being removed from the pavements to be re-laid again at Ward Number 19. Will the MCC look into the issue?

Save Kukkarahalli Lake



There seems to be no stopping for pollution at the Kukkarahalli Lake. Considered as a paradise for morning and evening walkers, the Lake needs the attention of the MCC and University of Mysore to protect the Lake's eco-system.

Bengaluru enters Smart City list...

How and why Mysuru lost the contest to be a Smart City?

By Bhamy V. Shenoy

A Smart City is one which has basic infrastructure for its residents to lead enjoyable life, clean and sustainable environment through application of "smart" solutions. Under the Smart City initiative, Central Government gives Rs. 500 crore during five years, which is matched by the State Governments. Remaining amount has to be raised by the city through its taxing or other revenue streams or from private sources as loans.

When we learnt that Bengaluru finally won the competition to be a Smart City in the fourth round, how many Mysureans asked the question why we failed the contest? In fact, we should have asked the question when the first round of twenty cities was announced in August 2015, Davangere and Belagavi made the first list from Karnataka. Mysuru did not make the third list also when four more cities — Mangaluru, Tumkuru, Shivamogga and Hubli-Dharwad from Karnataka — came in the third round.

When we see how we lost the Smart City contest, it becomes evident why we lost the clean city award this year. Smart Cities Mission (SCM) is an urban renewal and retrofitting programme by NDA to replace JNNURM of UPA to develop 100 cities. So far, 90 cities have been selected by a transparent process of competition. A Smart City is one which has basic infrastructure for its residents to lead enjoyable life, clean and sustainable environment through application of "smart" solutions. Under the Smart City initiative, Central Government gives Rs. 500 crore during five years, which is matched by the State Governments. Remaining amount has to be raised by the city through its taxing or other revenue streams or from private sources as loans.

"Some of the core infrastructure elements in a Smart City would include adequate water supply, assured electricity supply, sanitation, including solid waste management, efficient urban mobility and public transport, affordable housing, especially for the poor, robust IT connectivity and digitalisation, good governance, especially e-Governance and citizen participation, sustainable environment, safety and security of citizens, particularly women, children and the elderly and health and education." This is a quote from the Government website which should attract anyone interested in development.

One of the innovative strategies of smart city has been the creation of a private company, called a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), in each city to operationalise the Mission at the local level. This is based on lessons learnt from JNNURM. There are some special features of SPV in comparison to JNNURM. They are transparency, greater accountability, better management structure, ability to have joint ventures with the private companies, ability to raise loans, etc. But some aspects of SPV clash with the responsibilities of elected representatives.

Many elected representatives are not happy to share their power especially in today's environment and that too with a private company. Who would like to give up their political power, which can be easily monetised. There are two types of projects for Smart City Mission — one is specifically directed to develop a small area of the city called Area Based Development (ABD) and another is pan-city projects where funds are allocated to develop the entire city. In Mysuru, we could have easily developed Devaraj Market and surrounding Central Business District (CBD) using part of Rs. 1,000 crore Grant.

SCM is specifically designed to develop dilapidated parts of the city. On average, every Smart City has submitted proposals to spend Rs. 2,000 crore to be spent over 5 years. When we consider MCC's budget of Rs. 870 Crores for 2017-18, Smart City Mission could have helped the development of Mysuru in many critical areas. For Rs. 1,000 crore of Grant money, Mysuru could have solved the transportation problems of CBD and converted it into a tourist paradise.

Reason given for our failure to win the SCM contest is that Mysuru did not score well on 13 parameters that included existing service level, past track record reforms, implementation of the JNNURM and self-financing capacity. Where did our CM, MLAs, MPs, MLCs and Corporators fail that Mysuru scored low on these parameters? We need to find fault not only with our elected leaders but also with civil society groups like Chamber of Commerce, Institute of Engineers, Hotel Owners Association, Builders Association, Confederation of Indian Industry, Mysore Grahakara Parishat, etc.

Real blame lies with Mysureans, finally. After all, we elected these leaders who have failed the city. In Mangaluru when suggestions were requested from the public, for both the rounds more than 11,000 suggestions were submitted. How many can we expect from Mysureans? When MGP organised protest campaigns to Save Chamundi, Save People's Park, we got not more than 2,000 in a city of 10 lakh population.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Aver

Pronunciation: uh-vur
Meaning: To assert or affirm with confidence; declare in a positive or peremptory manner; to allege as a fact.
Example: She had stolen nothing — so she averred to herself.
Origin: Aver shares a root with the words very and veracity in the Latin term verus meaning "true." It entered English in the mid-1300s.

THE ODD WORD

Bafflegab

Confusing or generally unintelligible jargon.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Talk someone's head /ear off

Meaning: To bore or weary someone by excessive talk; talk incessantly.

Example: All I wanted was a chance to read my book, but my seat-mate talked my ear off.
Origin: Dating from the first half of the 1900s, this idiom alludes to a person talking so much that they abuse the other person's ear to the point that it falls off. The variation 'chew someone's ear off' is similar, but with the connotation of the ear being 'worn away' from overuse.
The idea of the ear "falling off" may be related to the idiom 'bend someone's ear,' perhaps suggesting that one's ear is bent to its breaking point and thus detaches. The variation 'talk someone's leg off' may be related to the earlier idiom, talk the hind leg off a horse (or donkey). Talk someone's arm off is a variation. Talk someone's head off is probably an exaggerated version of talk someone's ear off but this idiom is sometimes used in a less negative way, especially when two or more people are talking for a long time. For example, when two friends haven't seen each other in a while they might "talk their heads off."

QUOTE BOX

With confidence, you have won before you have started.

—Marcus Garvey

RIDDLE THIS

What does the below rebus mean?

DO12"OR

Answer: 12' is in the word DOOR, 12' (Twelve inches) is also known as a foot, so we have the answer of: Foot In The Door.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Fuel Sys. Controller
4 Round Table knight - "robs" anagram?
8 Very important person, acronym?
11 From _ __ z : all (1,2)
12 ____ Newton : famous British scientist?
14 Avinash's pet name?
15 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
16 Third letter of the Greek alphabet
17 Over there, poetically contracted?
18 Aromatic resin
20 Gush or issue suddenly as a stream
22 True Air Speed, abbr.
24 23rd letter of the Hebrew alphabet - "vat" anagram?
25 Spinning toy
28 Quid pro ___ : thing given as compensation?
30 Hoar-frost
34 Girl's name
35 "Run" around to get a jar?
36 Just a question of motive?
37 Causes awe
39 Aerospace Industries Assoc.
40 Exude moisture; exude or exhibit a feeling freely
41 Box office ___
43 One of the signs of the Zodiac
45 Strips off skin or hide of; peels off
48 Indian hockey great Dhyan ___
52 Give help or assistance
53 Perfect model
57 Extinct flightless bird
58 In addition
59 Spicy tomato sauce
60 Not easily explained
61 Abstract being?
62 A short, usually comical, theatrical sketch
63 Poetic word for grass-land

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

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DOWN

1 Place of cultivation
2 Don't go away!
3 Fibre obtained from coconut husks
4 Bimal Roy's classic, "Do __ zamin"?
5 Order of St. Augustine
6 Random Access Memory
7 Uncle __ : Govt. of USA?
8 Hindu wind God
9 Man's name or name of an operatic prince?
10 Liquid measure, especially for bear, etc.
13 Spanish home
19 Road Transport Office, in short
21 Nationwide multiplex chain
23 Crouch down, sit with legs wide apart
24 Musical; pertaining to harmony
25 Coniferous tree
26 Yoko ___ : wife of John Lennon, the Beatle?
27 Brief deviation from a straight course
29 Uranium Resch. Inst.
31 City in Nigeria
32 Megahertz
33 Organ of sight
38 Hesitant, disinclined or averse
40 Cry of delight
42 River Thames at Oxford?
44 Acclaim, dazzling effect or success
45 Lot, kismet
46 A wild animal
47 Bustles or fuss
49 Mr. Palekar of Bollywood
50 Meeting point
51 Art movement
54 ___ Kapital : Karl Marx's magnum opus?
55 Wapiti or moose
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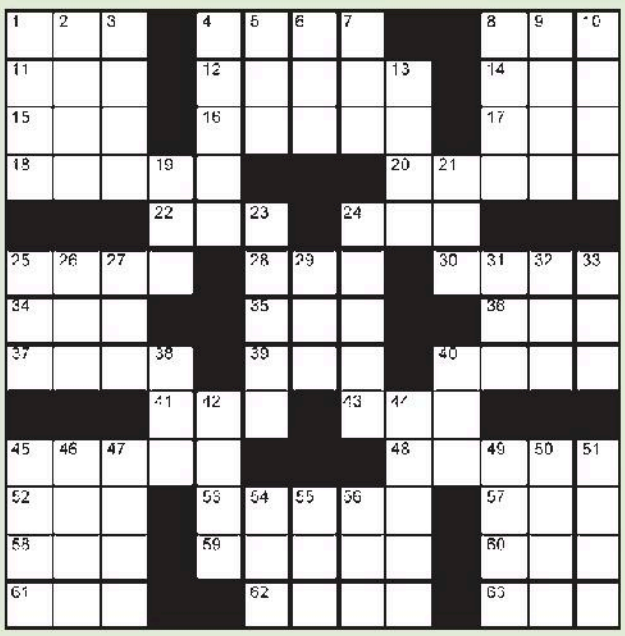

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HUJVEAPDT UY QXZ PBQ EM YPTUGR 'GUDZ

HERRUZ' WGQUV TEW DPG MUGH P BEDF

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You must learn from the mistakes of others. You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Naa Panta Kano	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Tiger	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Siliconn City	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Student	Olympia	2420737	2 Shows
Raajakumara	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Bangara S/o Bangarada Manushya			
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Duvvada Jagannadham	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Baahubali-2	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
HINDI			
Tubelight	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Aakhri Sauda	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Anbanavan Asaradhavan Adangadhavan			
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Olympia	2420737	2 Shows

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Tubelight (H)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	7.05 pm; (S-3) 9.55 pm
Wonder Woman (E-3D)	(S-2)	11.00 am
Anbanavan Asaradhavan Adangadhavan (Ta)		
	(S-2)	1.45 pm, 9.55 pm
Vanamagan (Ta)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Despicable Me 3 (E-3D)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 1.30 pm
Raajakumara (K)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Baahubali-2 (Te)	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Duvvada Jagannadham (Te)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.15 pm 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm

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Tubelight (H)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	10.00 am, 3.50 pm
	(S-3)	12.45 pm
	(S-4)	10.55 am, 6.20 pm, 9.05 pm
Duvvada Jagannadham (Te)	(S-1)	9.55 am, 3.55 pm
	(S-2)	12.45 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.45 pm
Vanamagan (Ta)	(S-3)	9.55 am
	(S-4)	7.00 pm
Naa Panta Kano (K)	(S-4)	1.40 pm, 4.20 pm
Anbanavan Asaradhavan Adangadhavan (Ta)		
	(S-3)	3.35 pm
	(S-4)	9.50 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON WEDNESDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.45 Bhavageete, 6.50 Sponsored Prog., 8.30 Radio Doctor, 8.35 Sponsored Prog., 10.00 Hindustani Classical Music, 11.00 Kamanabillu, 12.00 noon Chukki Chinna, 12.30 Mahila Ranga, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.30 pm Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Chinnara Chukki, 4.00 Film Songs, 4.30 Folk Songs, 5.00 Gaana, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Yuvavani, 9.30 Vocal Recital, 10.00 Savinenapu.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Sethji	6:30 pm Meri Durga	7:00 pm Yeh Moh Ke Dhaage
7:30 Aisi Deewangi...	7:00 Saathiya	7:30 Peshwa Bajirao
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	8:00 Mahabali Hanumaan
8:30 Piya Albela	8:00 Pardes Mein Hai Mera Dil	8:30 Jaat Ki Jugni
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	8:30 Chandra Nandni	9:00 Beyhadh
9:30 Ek Tha Raja Ek Thi Rani	9:00 Naamkarann	9:30 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise Bhi
10:00 Woh Apna Sa	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	10:00 Crime Patrol Dial 100
6:00pm Man vs. Wild	6:00pm FIH Hockey World League Semifinals 2017 H/ls	6:00 pm Customs
7:00 You Have Been Warned	6:30 England Tour of India	6:30 Do or Die
7:30 Untamed & Uncut	7:00 SouthAfricaTourofIndia	7:00 Animal Fight Club
8:00 River Monsters	8:00 England Tour of India 2016 I	8:00 Beyond Magic with DMC
9:00 Man vs. Wild	8:30 ICC Champions Trophy 2017	9:00 Kings of the Kill
10:00 The Island with Bear Grylls	9:00 ICC Champions Trophy 2017	10:00 India's Mega Kitchens
11:00 Naked and Afraid	9:30 KBD Heroes	11:00 Primal Survivor
6:00pm Larva	6:00 pm Ganga	6:30 pm Jo Jo Laali
6:30 Horrid Henry	7:30 Kula Deivam	7:00 Sarayoo
7:00 Krishna: Kansa Vadh	8:00 Deiva Magal	7:30 Avalu
8:30 Roll No. 21	8:30 Vamsam	8:00 Aramane
9:00 Teen Titans Go	9:00 Nandini	8:30 Nandini
9:30 Horrid Henry	9:30 Vani Rani	9:00 Jeevanadhi
10:00 Ben 10	10:00 Priyamanaval	9:30 Hare Rama Hare Krishna

MOVIES TONIGHT

6:07pm **Iron Man 3**	6:12pm **Batman v Superman**	6:46pm **The Matrix**
8:59 **New Police Story**	9:00 **Mission:Impossible**	9:00 **Red 2**
11:35 **Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2**	11:35 **The Italian Job**	11:00 **Entourage**
6:12pm **Dangerous Lover**	5:45pm **Mohra**	3:00 pm **Movie**
8:55 **Sivaji: The Boss**	9:00 **Roadside Rowdy**	6:00 **Movie**
11:52 **Mega Snake**	11:45 **Tathast**	9:00 **Movie**
7:01pm **Men in Black 3**	4:00pm **Usssh!**	7:00pm **Kabali**
8:59 **Battleship**	7:00 **Gopi Krishna**	10:11 **Daagdi Chaawl**
11:34 **Snow White and the Huntsman**	10:00 **Government**	

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 27)

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church: Annual Feast celebrations, **Bishop of Mysore Rev. Dr. K.A. William** inaugurates the newly-built grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and offer High Mass; the feast will conclude with a candle-light procession of Our Lady in the main thoroughfares around the Church, Church premises, Lingambudhi Road, Srirampura 3rd Stage, **5.30 pm onwards.**

Samvahana and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat: Books release — Prof. Maleyuru Guruswamy's "Kapile Haridalu Kadalige" and "Charitreya Putakke Ondu Tippani" — by writer K. Veerabhadrappa, Sanskrit University VC Dr. Padma Shekar presides, Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, M.G. Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Discourse on 'Sampuma Srimadramayana' by Prof. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

Religious Endowment Department: Sri Girija Kalyana Mahotsava, Haridra Kunkuma Pradhana, Sri Trinayaneshwara Temple, Palace premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 28)

Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple, Vishweshwaranagar: Sri Nagara Panchami, special pujas and abhishekas, **6 am onwards;** Darshan and Prasadam, Temple premises, **6 pm to 9 am.**

Sri Chandramoulishwara Swamy Devasthanam Charitable Trust: 75th Jayanthyuthsava-2017, Lalitha Sahasranama Homa, Temple premises, Temple Road, Vani Vilas Mohalla, **9 am.**

Mysore Science Foundation: 50th Science Lecture Series and 5th Foundation Day celebrations, ISRO Scientist Dr. B.N. Suresh talks, senior CFTRI Scientist Dr. T. Thippeswamy presides, conferring of 'Sri G.S. Basavarajappa Best Science Communicator' Award on retd. ISRO Scientist C.D Prasad by retd. lecturer G.S. Basavarajappa, Joint Transport Commissioner Dr. C.T. Murthy releases *Vaibhava* quarterly, Kalamandira, **10.30 am.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Kadamba Ranga Vedike, Mysuru: *Ranga Sanje*, Music University VC Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar inaugurates, theatrist Prof. C.V. Shridharamurthy talks on 'Prastuta Havyasi Rangabhoomiya Valavu Nilavugalu,' Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Vedike President Rajashekar Kadamba will be present, Parishat premises, Palace North Gate, **5 pm.**

Religious Endowment Department: Sri Girija Kalyana Mahotsava, Varapuja Mahotsava, Sri Trinayaneshwara Temple, Palace premises, **7 pm.**

Janahitha Sangha: Talk on 'GST (Goods and Services Tax)' by CA A. Vishwanatha, Janahitha Sangha premises, Bogadi 2nd Stage South, **7.30 pm.**

First anniversary of State EPF Retired Employees Forum tomorrow

Mysuru, June 27 (US)- The first anniversary of Karnataka State Employees Provident Fund (EPF) Retired Employees Forum will be held on June 28 at 9.30 am at Subramanya Samudaya Bhavan, HUDCO 3rd Stage, Subramanyanagar, opposite CITB Choultry, Hebbal, Mysuru.

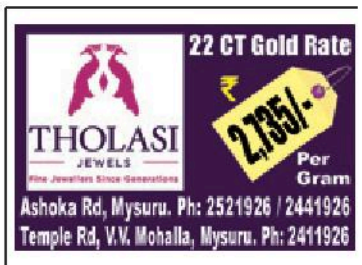
The members of the Forum are urged to attend the meeting to chalk out the action plans. Members above 70 years would be felicitated on the occasion.

Re-counselling for CRP and BRP posts on July 3

Mysuru, June 27 (US)- DDPI H.R. Basappa has announced that the counselling done earlier for **Cluster Resource Person (CRP) and Block Resource Person (BRP),** conducted by the Department under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, has been cancelled and the re-counselling would be done on July 3 at 3 pm at the DDPI office on D. Subbaiah Road here.

He has asked eligible teachers to appear for the re-counselling. Basappa said that the counselling was done on April 28 considering taluk as a reference block but the decision had cropped up a discussion during the KDP meeting held later on at Zilla Panchayat. He added that the ZP CEO had written a letter in that context to the Education Department.

Accordingly, based on the directive of the Commissioner of Education Department and State Project Director of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the re-counselling would be done now considering the district as a reference block, according to the DDPI.



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